

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 788

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Larkin and Louise Black.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Larkin and Louise Black; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Black were exemplary public servants and remarkable people who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Black were highly respected members of their community; and

WHEREAS, these two outstanding individuals were joined together in holy matrimony on October 27, 1946 and enjoyed 53 years of devoted married life together; and

WHEREAS, born on June 29, 1926 in Brewton, Alabama, Mr. Black served with acumen and alacrity in the United States military from 1944 to 1946; and

WHEREAS, he returned to his hometown and continued his meritorious service to his county's federal government as a mail carrier; he dedicated his efforts to that important post for 32 years and earned the respect of his peers, supervisors and clients alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Louise Bratcher Black was born on July 18, 1924 in Morgantown, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, a generous and caring woman, she dedicated all of her time and compassion to creating a comfortable and loving home for her husband and children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Black were active and devout members of the Church of the Nazarene, which they served faithfully for many years through service in various volunteer capacities and elected positions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Black were also deeply devoted to their family, and they always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Black were the proud parents of sons, Garry and Robert, and daughters-in-law, Cheryl and Delores; and

WHEREAS, they were also the devoted grandparents of Amy, Courtney, Brian, and Jennifer; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple will be greatly missed by their family and a host of friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Black leave behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful lives of these exceptional public servants and human beings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Larkin and Louise Black, reflecting fondly upon their impeccable characters and their stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Black.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

